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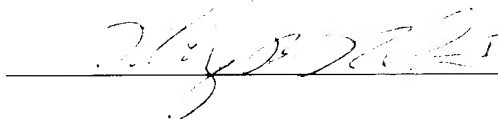
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FOR: AN IMMUNOLOGICAL PROCESS AND CONSTRUCTS FOR INCREASING
THE HDL CHOLESTEROL CONCENTRATION BY DNA VACCINATION

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AMENDMENT C

Receipt is acknowledged of the official action dated February 13, 2001, and in
response the following Amendment C is respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

6. (amended) The process according to claim 3 wherein said recombinant
DNA molecule encodes human CETP as at least one of said one or more immunogenic
polypeptides.

7. (amended) The process according to claim 3 wherein said recombinant
DNA molecule encodes rabbit CETP as at least one of said one or more immunogenic
polypeptides.

12. (three times amended) The process according to claim 3 wherein
said antigenic carrier is fused to both the amino-terminus and carboxy-terminus of said
immunogenic polypeptides, thereby forming an encoded fusion protein.